

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT: Mayor McRae, Councillors Chopra, McLeman, Douglas, Patterson, Solda and Whiteman

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (including introduction of late items)

Solda/Patterson

That the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of late items E.6 UBCM Member Release and G.1 a draft letter from the Mayor in response to Mr. Roland Smith.

Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Solda/Patterson

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 12, 2010, be approved as circulated.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Recognition of Champions

The Bantam Tyees Provincial Lacrosse Champions were unable to attend.

2. Sandra Gentleman, Wild West Watersports

Ms. Gentleman provided a slideshow presentation and update of their season operating at the Plywood site.

3. Ken Rutherford, Chair, Alberni Valley Heritage Commission

Mr. Rutherford spoke of plans for celebrating Port Alberni's Centennial in 2012 and requested Council's support for planning and participation in the events.

Patterson/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni include in the 2011-2012 budgets an expense for the City's Centennial Celebration and appoint a committee for the purpose of helping to organize the events.

Carried

D. PROCLAMATIONS NIL

E. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

1. Jenny McInroy

McLeman/Chopra

That the complaint from Jenny McInroy received October 8, 2010 regarding having to purchase extra garbage tags to accommodate visiting family, be received and referred to the budget process.

Carried

2. Rebecca Stevenson

McLeman/Chopra

That the email from Becky Stevenson dated October 19, 2010 complaining about bi-weekly garbage collection, be received and referred to the budget process.

Carried

3. Greyhound Canada Transportation

McLeman/Douglas

That the letter from Greyhound Canada Transportation dated October 6, 2010 regarding the proposed reduction of bus service between Nanaimo and Vancouver, be received and the City write a letter of objection to the BC Passenger Transportation Board.

Carried

4. Victor Woods

Chopra/Whiteman

That the letter from Victor Woods dated October 20, 2010 questioning the City's position on the proposed coal port in Port Alberni be received and the Mayor meet with Mr. Wood to clarify the City's role and position.

Carried

5. Agricultural Land Commission

Chopra/Douglas

That Council for the City of Port Alberni request the Agricultural Land Commission to reconsider its application to exclude land from the Agricultural Land Reserve (lands behind the Pacific Rim Mall at Johnston and Cherry Creek Roads) in consideration of the letter of support from the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District.

Carried

6. UBCM Member Release – RCMP Costs and Accountability

Solda/Patterson

That Council for the City of Port Alberni write a letter to Dr. James Lunney, MP, Nanaimo-Alberni, the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, and the Honourable Stockwell Day, the federal President of Treasury to express concern for increased costs for the RCMP and outline the specific budgetary issues facing the City as well as request greater accountability in general.

Carried

F. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Alberni Valley Social Planning Council

Email dated October 8, 2010 regarding a meeting to discuss the "Harm Reduction – Safe Needle Disposal Initiative", (October 28 at Abbeyfield).

2. BC Centre for Safe Schools and Communities

Re-submitted October 2010 news bulletin entitled "Responding to Youth Violence".

3. Royal Canadian Mounted Police

October edition of the BC RCMP Mayors' Newsletter.

4. Canada Post

Letter dated September 2010 responding to the City's July 13, 2010 resolution regarding the Canadian Postal Service Charter and Cuts to Public Postal Service and Jobs.

5. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA)

- Public Service Announcement dated October 14, 2010 advising that the flu vaccine is available starting October 18, 2010 and Flu Clinic schedules are available on the VIHA website www.viha.ca/flu or by phoning HealthLink BC at 8-1-1.
- News Release dated October 15, 2010 advising that the VIHA has been named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers for the second year in a row.
- Media Advisory dated October 19, 2010 advising of the Harm Reduction Symposium on December 6, 2010 at the Coast Bastion Hotel in Nanaimo for Public Health, Mental Health & Addictions, Community Service Organizations, First Nations' Organizations, Government, Law Enforcement and community members with an interest in harm reduction.

6. City of Trail

Copy of a letter to the Industrial Property Taxation Review Advisory Committee dated October 14, 2010 regarding the Committee's recommendations to the Province and UBCM on heavy industrial municipal property taxation, and urging

the Committee to give consideration to the impact analysis originally advanced by the District of Kitimat before finalizing the recommendations.

7. Ombudsperson

Report of requests for information, complaints and investigations for the period July 1 to September 30, 2010.

8. Integrated Land Management Bureau

Email dated October 7, 2010 requesting a meeting to provide a status report update of the water quality around the China Creek watershed.

9. HB Lanarc

Email dated October 18, 2010 providing a draft of the Mount Arrowsmith Massif Regional Park Management Plan, inviting comments on the draft plan, and advising of a public session meeting on October 26, 2010 at Echo Park Fieldhouse.

10. Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Providing the background document on the Environmental Assessment of the Raven Underground Coal Project.

Patterson/Whiteman

That Informational Correspondence items numbered 1 through 10, be received and filed.

Carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Manager - Response to Roland Smith's Letter regarding Garbage

McLeman/Douglas

That the draft letter from the Mayor be received and the explanations provided regarding the garbage accounts and allocations for residential garbage collection and recycling be forwarded to Mr. Smith.

Carried

2. Comox Valley Economic Development Request for Support for the Comox Valley Visitor Centre

Whiteman/Patterson

That the letter dated September 22, 2010 from the Comox Valley Economic Development providing an information package on the new Vancouver Island & Coast Visitor Centre be received, and Council forward the comments of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Carried

H. BYLAWS

1. City Clerk – Report of the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4758

Solda/Whiteman

That the report of the Public Hearing held October 7, 2010 at 5:00 pm regarding "Zoning Amendment No. 84 (2201 11th Avenue - Lehner), Bylaw No. 4758", be received.

Carried

2. City Clerk – Verbal Report of the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 4759 and 4760

Solda/Chopra

That the verbal report of the Public Hearing held October 25, 2010 at 6:00 pm regarding "Zoning Text Amendment No. T33 (4815 Argyle Street - C. Patterson), Bylaw No. 4759" and "Zoning Amendment No. 86 (3949 Maple Way - Dammar Properties), Bylaw No. 4760", be received.

Carried

3. "Zoning Text Amendment No. T33 (4815 Argyle Street - C. Patterson), Bylaw No. 4759"

Solda/Whiteman

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T33 (4815 Argyle Street - C. Patterson), Bylaw No. 4759", be read a third time.

Carried

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Text Amendment No. T33 (4815 Argyle Street - C. Patterson), Bylaw No. 4759", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4759.

Carried

4. "Zoning Amendment No. 86 (3949 Maple Way - Dammar Properties), Bylaw No. 4760"

Solda/Chopra

That "Zoning Amendment No. 86 (3949 Maple Way - Dammar Properties), Bylaw No. 4760", be read a third time.

Carried

5. "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2011, Bylaw No. 4758"

Patterson/Douglas

That "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, 2011, Bylaw No. 4758", be now finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the corporate seal and numbered 4758.

Carried

I. REPORTS

1. Accounts

Chopra/Solda

That the certification of the Director of Finance dated October 25, 2010 be received and the cheques numbered 111980 to 112419 inclusive, in payment of accounts totalling \$717,622.95, be approved.

Carried

2. Fire Chief – Fire Protection for Cameron Shops

Solda/Chopra

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the Fire Chief dated October 19, 2010, authorize in principle the provision of fire protection services to Western Forest Products' occupied lands at Cameron Shops, and direct staff to negotiate an agreement for the provision of said services.

Carried

3. City Engineer – Burde Street Sewer System Expansion

McLeman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the City Engineer dated October 18, 2010 regarding of sanitary sewer capacity for future development in the Upper Burde Street area.

Carried

4. City Clerk - Disposition of City Property to Navy League

Chopra/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni transfer title of Lot A, District Lot 1, Alberni District, Plan EPP9096, to the Navy League of Canada, Port Alberni Branch, for a nominal fee (\$1), with the condition that the property reverts back to the City in the event that the local operations of the Navy League cease and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the required documents on the City's behalf.

Carried

5. Director of Parks and Recreation - Herbicide Spraying

Whiteman/Douglas

That Council for the City of Port Alberni approve the permit for the application of "Roundup" to control weeds at selected sites in the City by qualified Parks and Recreation Staff as outlined in option 2 of the October 19, 2010 report of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Carried

6. Director of Parks and Recreation – Klitsa Baseball Park

Whiteman/Solda

That Council for the City of Port Alberni receive the report from the Director of Parks and Recreation dated October 20, 2010 detailing the final expenditures and report for the Klitsa Baseball Park project.

Carried

7. Current Status Report

Chopra/Patterson

That the Current Status Report be received.

Carried

8. Mayor's Report

Solda/Whiteman

That the Mayor's report be received.

Carried

9. Councillor Whiteman - Community Services, Economic Development & Tourism Report

Whiteman/Solda

That the monthly report from the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

Whiteman/McLeman

That the monthly report from the Economic Development Manager providing information about current departmental operations, be received.

Carried

9. Councillor Solda - Planning, Health and Protective Services Report

10. Councillor Patterson - Heritage, Culture and Education Report

Patterson/Solda

That the monthly report from the Museum Director providing information about current departmental operations and minutes from the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission meeting held October 6, 2010, be received.

Carried

11. Councillor McLeman - Transportation, Utilities and Forestry Report

12. Councillor Douglas - Environmental Services and Library Report

13. Councillor Chopra - General Government Services Report

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Rodney Rogers, School District 70 representative, indicated that truck traffic along Anderson Avenue has increased recently on account of the construction of the new ADSS building on Roger Street. This should be reduced in the next few weeks as site preparation nears completion.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor McLeman indicated he would be bringing forward a resolution to change the City's Council Meeting schedule for 2011 at the next regular meeting on November 22, 2010.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Patterson/Chopra

That the meeting adjourn at 9:18 pm.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk